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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

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COUNTDOWN
TO CHAOS!

PART TWO

Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures - A world unique & beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Sonic and his friends work to save the world from the forces of evil!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

PREVIOUSLY...

SONIC IS THE FASTEST, COOLEST HERO ALIVE!

After foiling Dr. Eggman's plans, both Sonic and Eggman woke up back in their home world, but with new memories – and a new past, altered by the reality-warping Genesis Wave!

The artificial intelligence known as NICOLE holds the key to what has happened, and by interacting with the heroic Freedom Fighters she has begun to "defragment" this new world, beginning with a newly revitalized ROTOR THE WALRUS!

While Sonic and Tails put the team back together, Dr. Eggman is struggling to make his way home to the Death Egg. He's made a startling discovery about the planet, and it's got him running scared...



WHO'S WHO



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE



MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST BUD



DR. EGGMAN
SONIC'S MAD SCIENTIST NEMESIS



???

COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS

PART TWO: THE SOLDIER

IN THE SKIES
OVER AVALON...

STOP
PUTTING
HOLES
IN MY
PLANE!

DR. EGGMAN
VILLAIN ON
THE RUN

BLAMM!

G.U.N.
GUARDIAN
UNITS OF THE
NATIONS

ORBOT
SASSY
ASSISTANT

PUSH, PUSH!
IT WILL MAKE US
GO SCHNELL!

CUBOT
HAS A
FAULTY
VOICE
CHIP

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BLAM!

BLAM!

BLAM!

CRASH!

SCREEEECH!

HOOD!
FRONT AND
CENTER!

WE'RE
ALIVE. I'M STILL
PROCESSING
IF I'M HAPPY
ABOUT THAT...

HOOD?!

H-HERE, SIR!
RIGHT HERE!
W-WE WEREN'T
EXPECTING--!

WHY IS THE AIR-
SPACE OVER MY
BASE BEING CON-
TROLLED BY G.U.N.
FIGHTER PLANES?!

LORD MORDRED HOOD
REGIONAL EGG BOSS

WE'VE BEEN DEALING
WITH BOW AND HIS GANG!
I ASKED FOR BADNIK
SUPPORT MONTHS AGO!
WE WERE SO DISTRACTED
BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS,
WE WERE CAUGHT OFF-
GUARD WHEN THE G.U.N.
CARRIER CAME INTO
DOCK AND--

I ASKED FOR
ANSWERS, NOT
EXCUSES! NOW
READY AN AIRCRAFT
FOR ME. I'M IN A
HURRY!

BA-BOOM!

EVEN IF WE HAD
ONE, SIR, THERE'S
NO WAY YOU'RE
GOING TO FLY ANY-
WHERE WHILE THAT
G.U.N. CARRIER AND
ITS PLANES CONTROL
THE AREA.

I'M
AFRAID THE EGG
MOBILE WON'T BE
GOOD FOR MUCH
MORE EITHER,
BOSS!

NO... BUT IT'LL BE
GOOD FOR JUST
ENOUGH...

-POKE-

OUTSIDE KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE: WOOD ZONE,
WESTSIDE ISLAND...

SONIC
TRUE BLUE
HERO

TAILS
HIGH-FLYING
GENIUS

THAT... THAT WAS
NICE.
IT WAS KNOTHOLE,
NOT OUR KNOT-
HOLE, BUT...

YEAH, IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH.
IF KNOTHOLE CAN GET A
SECOND CHANCE, MAYBE
WE CAN, TOO.

IF WE'RE GOING TO DO ANY-
THING, WE NEED TO FIND THE
OTHER HALF OF OUR TEAM.

SOONER
RATHER THAN
LATER, I'D
>VV!

NICOLE
SUPER
COMPUTER

HOLD THAT
THOUGHT...

HEY
THERE, SONNY-BOY!
TAILS! FEELS LIKE I
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU
IN--

--FOR-
EVER?

DR. CHUCK
THE HEDGEHOG
"UNCLE" TO MANY

SALLY'S NOT A ROBOT,
KNOTHOLE'S STILL STAND-
ING, AND UNCLE CHUCK'S
STILL AROUND. MAYBE
THIS WHOLE "NEW REALITY"
THING ISN'T SO BAD...

HA!
WHAT'S
GOTTEN
INTO
YOU?

NOTHIN',
UNCLE CHUCK.
JUST HAPPY
TO SEE YOU
SAFE AND
SOUND.

WELL, NONE OF US WILL BE IF I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT'S CAUSING THESE TREMORS.

TREMORS?

MM-HMM, UNUSUAL SEISMIC ACTIVITY FOR THIS AREA. I'LL BET YOU ANYTHING IT'S EGG-MAN. I'M TAKING SOME SAMPLES OF THE STRANGE ENERGY SEEPING OUT OF THE EARTH. HOPEFULLY, IT'LL HELP ME FIGURE OUT JUST WHAT HE'S UP TO.

I'D LOVE TO HAVE NICOLE'S HELP IN ANALYZING THE SAMPLES IF SHE'S FREE.

SO SORRY
VVV! I'M NEEDED ON ANOTHER
VVV!

UH-OH, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, DEAR?

IT'S... COMPLICATED.

SHORT VERSION: WE NEED TO SEE ANTOINE. ROTOR SAID HE WAS WITH YOU.

SURE IS. HE'S BEEN ACTING AS MY BODY-GUARD AS THE MUTT AND I DO OUR RESEARCH.

AH! BONJOUR, MES AMIS! I WAS NOT EXPECTING YOU HERE.

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE
THE SOLDIER

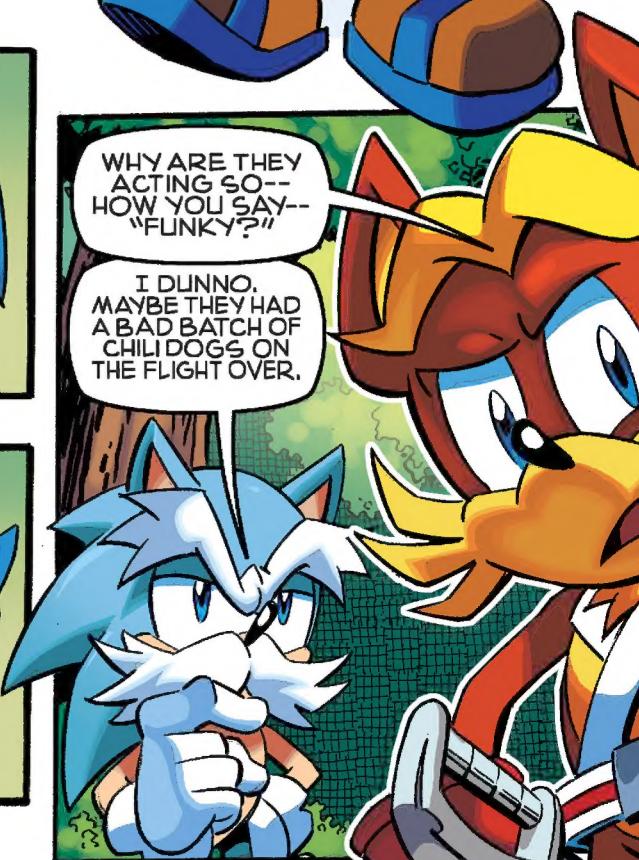
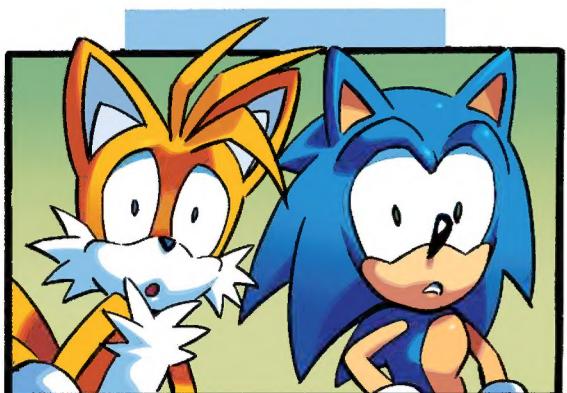
...I AM MISSING SOMETHING, PERHAPS?

YOU
FEELIN'
OKAY?

YEAH!
>SNIFF<
JUST...JUST
MISSED MY
BUDDY HERE,
S'ALL.

ERM
...I AM...
TOUCHED?

WAIT.
MUTTSKI?
?



ALL RIGHT! SO--MUTT AND I HAVE WORK TO DO. DIDN'T YOU BOYS SAY YOU HAD BUSINESS WITH ANTOINE?

RIGHT!

IMPORTANT STUFF!

HEY! LET'S GET UNCLE CHUCK IN ON THIS, TOO!

NOT A GOOD IDEA... WE'RE STILL TESTING THE MEMORY RESTORATION ON OUR TEAMMATES, WHO WE'RE PRETTY SURE CAN BE RESTORED. CHUCK WAS A FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT HE WAS ALSO GONE FOR A LONG TIME AS A ROBOTIZED SLAVE, RIGHT NOW, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD HAVE TOO MANY VARIABLES--OR FOLKS WITH SCRAMBLED MEMORIES.

HMPH. ALL RIGHT, BUT HE'S FIRST ON THE LIST AFTER WE'VE FOUND EVERYONE ELSE.

IF YOU ARE HERE WITH ZE NEW MISSION, I MUST BE DECLINING. DO NOT BE MISUNDERSTANDING, THIS BODY-GUARDING? PEH! BORING! NOT ZE SINGLE BAD-NIK ATTACK! BUT UNCLE CHUCK'S WORK IS IMPORTANT, AND ZO I MUST REMAIN AT HIS SIDE.

WE DON'T NEED YOU TO GO ANYWHERE. WE JUST NEED YOU TO...WELL...BRACE YOURSELF.

HOLD ON! MAYBE 'TWAN SHOULD SIT DOWN FIRST, OR...

WHAT IS ZE MATTER WITH ZE TWO OF YOU? YOU ARE ACTING AS IF I AM ZE GHOST, HERE TO BE HAUNTING YOU. IF YOU ARE NEEDING ME, SAY SO. IF I MUST BE DOING SOMETHING TO HELP, I WILL DO IT. STOP BEING THE NAMBY-PAMBIES.

ALL RIGHT, 'TWAN. THERE'S NO EASY WAY TO DO THIS, SO...

JUST...TAKE NICOLE.





MEANWHILE...

DYO-HO-HO!
THOSE G.U.N.
FOOLS WON'T
KNOW WHAT
HIT 'EM!

I'M RIGHT HERE,
AND I DON'T KNOW
WHAT WE'RE HITTING
THEM WITH.

SHUT IT! I'VE GOT TO
GET TO THE DEATH EGG
AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!
IF THAT MEANS I'VE
GOT TO GO THROUGH
G.U.N., SO BE IT!

JAWOHL,
MEIN
EMPEROR!

AWOOGA!

BOOM!

WAH-
HA-HA-HA!
COME AT ME,
BOTS!

BLAM!

CLANG!





YOU'VE SERVED
ME WELL, FAITHFUL
EGG MOBILE. I
SURE KNOW HOW
TO BUILD 'EM!

AWOOGA!

AWOOGA!



I CAN CONFIRM
THE COMMAND
SIGNAL TO THE
G.U.N. ARMORED
UNITS IS DOWN.
WE'RE IN THE
CLEAR.

AND
NOW YOU
KNOW WHY
I AM THE
BEST!

HAHAHAHAHA!

BACK IN THE
WOOD ZONE...

MOST OF THE GIRLS
ARE MISSING IN ONE
WAY OR THE OTHER,
AND WE'RE STILL
PLAYING CATCH-UP.

NICOLE, DO
YOU HAVE ANY
UPDATES ON
BLUNNIE'S
UNDERCOVER
MISSION?

STAND BY--I'LL
CHECK THE SKY
PATROL'S
MISSION LOGS.

YOU
SEEM TO BE
BACK TO
NORMAL.

BASIC
SYSTEMS SEEM TO
BE FINE, BUT I CAN'T
ACCESS MY HOLO-
MATRIX YET. OH, WELL
--BABY STEPS. I'M
MORE CONCERNED
THAT I SEEM TO BE
RUNNING LOW ON THE
DIMENSIONAL ENERGIES
LEFT FROM THE GENESIS
WAVE. I MAY ONLY BE
ABLE TO RESTORE THE
MEMORIES OF TWO OR
THREE MORE PEOPLE
--TOPS.

WHAT IS THIS TALK OF
ENERGIES AND MEM-
ORIES? I AM SO VERY
CONFUSED...

SHORT
VERSION? I
KINDA FELL
THROUGH A
HOLE IN REAL-
ITY, AND MY
BOND WITH YOU
GUYS IS MAKING
FOR SOME
SPECIAL EFFECTS.

NICOLE'S DATABASE REACTS TO
THOSE BONDS, WE THINK, RE-
STORING MEMORIES. THE NEXT
STEP IS TO FIND BUNNIE FOR THE
NEXT BOND-ZAP-THINGIE.

THAT MAY BE A
PROBLEM. THE
BUNNIE OF THIS
WORLD WENT UN-
DERCOVER TO
INFILTRATE THE EGG
ARMY AND MISSED
HER LAST CHECK-IN
WITH US BY A WEEK.
HER LAST REPORT
DID SAY SHE WAS
GOING INTO DEEPER
COVER, BUT...

I'M
GOING... WHOA,
'TWAN,
DON'T--

RRRUMBLE!!!



AAAAAH
HHHHHHH!

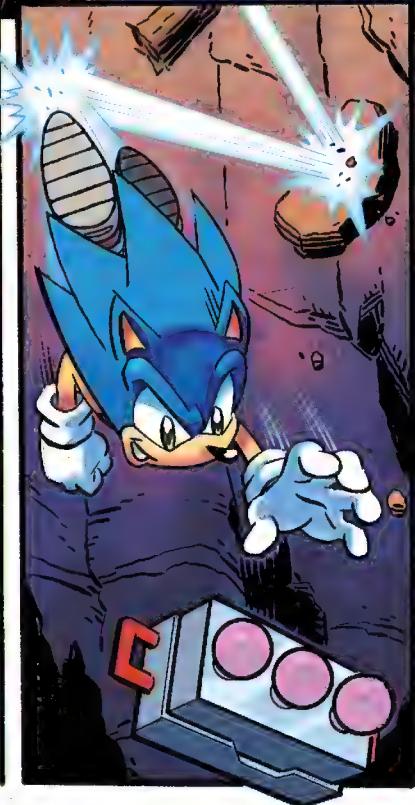
SONIC!
MY
RESEARCH
--!

PRIORITIES,
UNC!

GET 'EM
TOPSIDE!
I'M RIGHT
BEHIND YA!

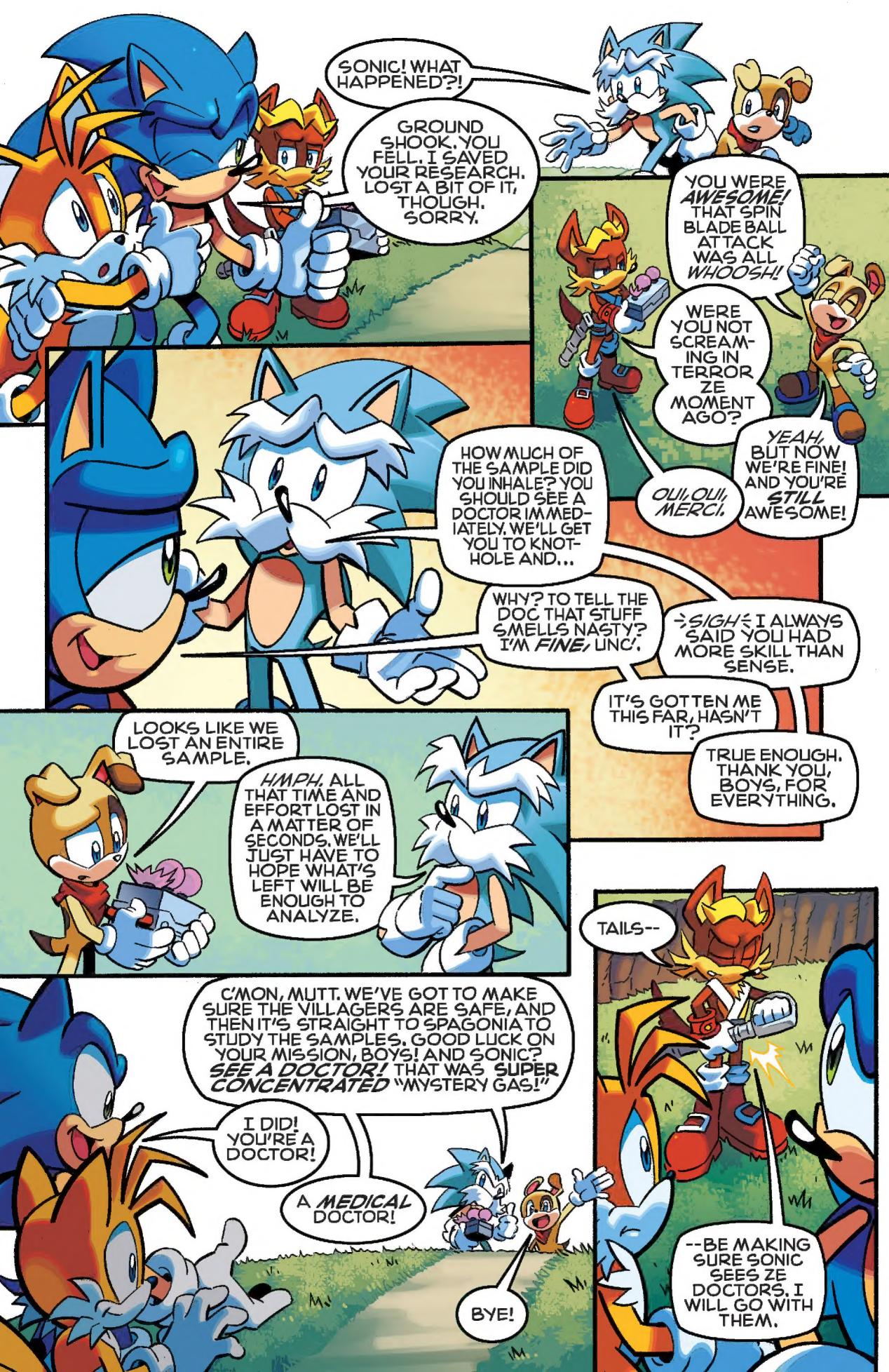
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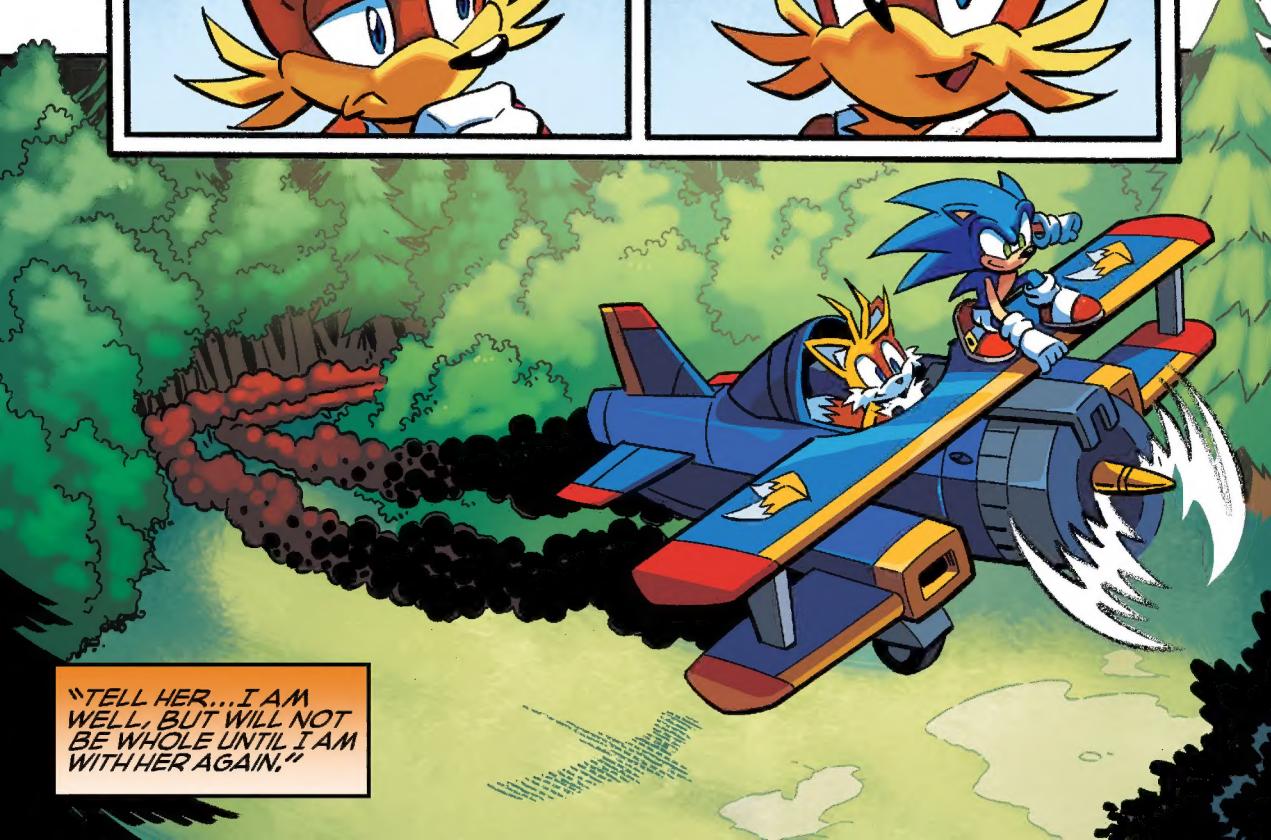
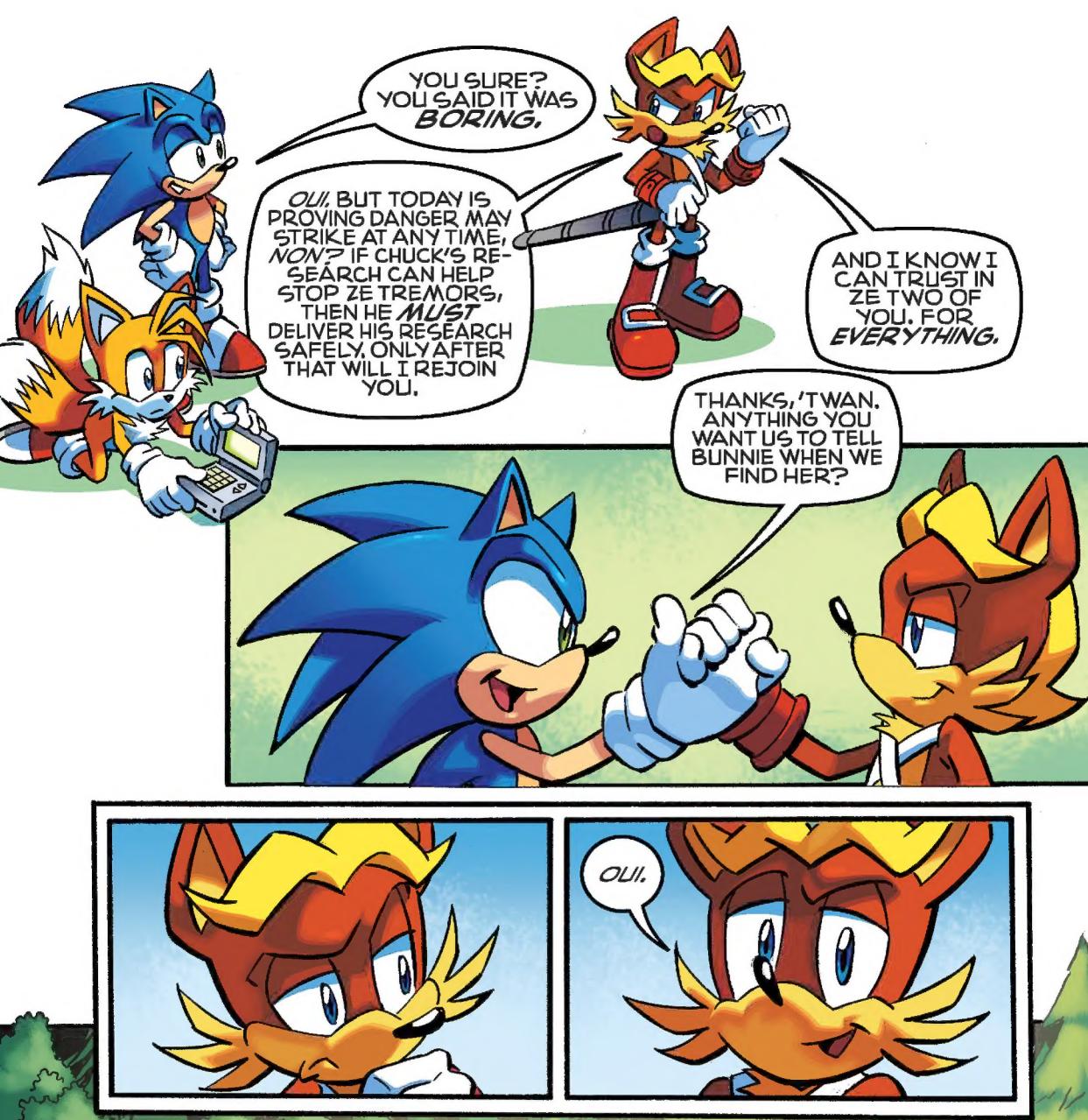
TAKE
ZEM BOTH!
I'LL CLEAR
ZE WAY!











METROPOLIS ZONE...

HEY!
ROOKIE!
YOU BETTER
GET FULLY
SUITED UP
BEFORE SOME-
ONE REPORTS
YOU!

RIGHT!
SORRY
'BOUT
THAT!

ALL
HAIL THE
EGGMAN
EMPIRE,
AND ALL
THAT JAZZ,
RIGHT?

BUNNIE "RABBOT" D'COOLETTE
--EGG SOLDIER! IS SHE STILL
A SPY, OR HAS SOMETHING
HAPPENED?

IT'S UP TO SONIC AND TAILS TO
FIND OUT IN "**COUNTDOWN TO**

CHAOS" PART THREE!

MEANWHILE, DON'T MISS AMY
ROSE'S ADVENTURE WITH BLAZE
THE CAT IN **SONIC UNIVERSE #55-58**
"PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC!"

--GOING ON NOW!